



DEMO CAMPAIGNERS . . . Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt stops for a moment to chat with Rep. Cecil R. King and Mrs. Trudy Owens during her visit to the area Monday. She spoke in Harbor City where she urged strong backing for Senator Kennedy and the Democratic candidates for other offices (Herald Photo)

Mrs. Roosevelt Here to Plug Demos

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Former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt challenged voters to elect new men with new and fresh ideas and took verbal potshots at several of the world's political leaders — including President Eisenhower and his administrative policies — Monday in a vibrant 35-minute speech at Harbor City.

Mrs. Roosevelt, at 76, the dean and darling of women Democrats in America, backed presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to the hilt and urged her audience at the Retail Clerks Union Hall to do the same.

She called for a new administration "with a vibrant drive and force of living" at the rally sponsored by Key Women for Kennedy.

"AUTOMATION will require some new thinking," she said,

then urged her extremely responsive audience to "think ahead, and elect men with fresh ideas who will not be afraid to face the realities."

Mrs. Roosevelt hit on just about every aspect of politics from farm policies to family policies, civil rights to the U.N. situation, and the current Kennedy-Nixon issue over the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

SHE VERBALLY slapped the hands of Eisenhower, Nixon, Khrushchev, and McMillan for various instances.

On the issue of Quemoy and Matsu, Mrs. Roosevelt asked, "Do you really think those two little islands are worth a world war?"

She followed this up with the observation that the issue has served to illustrate that "the people of this country have never been told the truth. It's high time that people in

high places begin to tell us what the world situation is really like."

MRS. ROOSEVELT suggested, if necessary, that the islands could be evacuated.

In urging her audience — and the nation — to back Kennedy and the Democratic ticket in the coming election, Mrs. Roosevelt said that Kennedy has ability, knowledge, experience, and the willingness to try new ways.

She said she ceased to wonder or worry about Kennedy when she observed "He has always voted the way he thought was right," regardless of political pressures forced upon him. She said the biggest criteria for a president is a great background of history, "and Kennedy has it."

REPORTERS, seemingly shunned after being promised

but denied a formal press conference with Mrs. Roosevelt, managed to corner the former first lady for a few minutes in the parking lot as she was being rushed to and from a busy speech and conference schedule.

She said she was dissatisfied and disappointed with the present crop controls and farm subsidy policy while much of the world's peoples go to bed hungry every night.

In her speech she said American prestige abroad is falling where civil rights are concerned. "Do you know that President Eisenhower has avoided taking a stand as to whether the Supreme Court decision of desegregation of schools is right or wrong?"

SHE SAID that whatever can be done for people, for humanity, both at home and abroad, depends on the November election.

The United States and the U.N., she continued, needs a new feeling of great life and inspiration.

"We want the best informed men we can get. Men who can make decisions and have the courage to try new ways," she concluded.

Co-chairmen for the event were Rosemary DeCamp and Mrs. Trudy Owens.

CONGRESSMAN Cecil R. King introduced Mrs. Roosevelt to the audience filled with area civic, political, and social dignitaries. Los Angeles Councilwoman Rosalind Wymann made concluding remarks and introduced the "entertainment committee."

Songs, music and dancing were provided by the Wives for Kennedy: Mrs. Milton Berle, Mrs. Nat King Cole, Mrs. Sammy Cahn, Mrs. Gene Barry, Mrs. Johnny Roseboro, Mrs. Don Drysdale, and Mrs. Steve Allen.

Mother-Baby Class Opens On Oct. 24

Although many people only associate the familiar Red Cross insignia with disasters, bloodmobiles and safety programs, one of the most popular services to Southern California provided through Red Cross is the mother and baby classes.

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